

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire April 13, 2005. Claims 29-48 are pending.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

In paragraph 15 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Examiner's objections. These objections, which have been addressed in the present invention, are based on the incorrect numbering of Claim 29 (previously erroneously numbered Claim 28), and the typographical error of "rage" for "range."


The present amendment proposes dependent claims 30-46, all of which depend in allowable independent Claim 29, and incorporate additional features claimed previously in now cancelled Claims 9-26. New Claims 47-48 are computer program product claims incorporating the allowable features of Claim 29 (Claim 47) and new Claim 30 (Claim 48).

CONCLUSION

Applicants now respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0457**.

Respectfully submitted,



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